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## The Ohio Independent Baptist

*The Newsletter Promoting Interdependence Within The Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches*

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# Your Marriage: Duel Or Duet?

**N**o one plans on his or her marriage turning into a duel. We tend to labor under the notion that the really big struggle is to get to the altar—to get the knot tied—to get the tourniquet around the finger and thus stop the circulation. Then we will live “happily ever after.” Then the struggle will cease. We tend to focus more on the wedding than the marriage.

Such a naïve approach to marriage can lead to disastrous results. The reality is that we all have the potential to turn our marriages into marriage-threatening duels. That’s what Isaac and Rebecca did (see Genesis 27:1-13). They certainly enjoyed an exotic and romantic start (Genesis 24:1-26) but something went awry. They ended up pulling in two different directions and dividing their family right down the middle.

What are some of the forces, both internal and external, that can turn a marriage into a duel? For starters, think about the “big three”—the world, the flesh, and the devil. That’s right, all three work against our marriages. The world attacks our emotions (1 John 2:15-17). It appeals to us to love the wrong things. We tend to love things more than people and self more than others. In the midst of a permissive atmosphere sexual standards seem antiquated, since nothing is absolutely right or wrong. The world allures us to selfishness, greed, and pride. And it all seems so innocuous since everyone else seems to be on the same bandwagon.

The flesh attacks our will (Romans 7:15-23). It appeals to us to make wrong choices. Under its sway we become self-centered and our own worst enemy. We look out just for “No. 1” and shove everyone else to a remote corner of life. The “I’ve got to be happy” or “I’ve got to

be me” syndrome becomes a watchword. This innate selfishness will readily destroy any marriage.

And Satan attacks our minds (1 Peter 5:8-9). He appeals to us to think wrong thoughts. He woos us to develop wrong perspectives of reality, to question others’ real motives, to doubt our own value and God’s intentions for our lives. He delights to pit partner against partner through communication breakdowns and misunderstandings. He plays on our weaknesses and uses them to hurt one the other. His deceptions can readily destroy our marriage.

But think a moment beyond the “big three.” Other forces can turn our marriage in a duel as well. We all bring into marriage differences in background and training. Every family is different in its value structure—money, savings, food, clothing, friends, vacations, use of leisure time, etc. It takes communication and time to understand such differences and then to carve out a new pattern of values in each family unit.

We also bring into marriage differences in perspective and temperament. Personality types are real and the differences can become aggravating. Introverts and extroverts can “bug” each other. Those who are “drivers” can drive the more “laid back” crazy.

Further, men and women do come at life differently. There is such a thing as a feminine and masculine approach. For example, what a car is to a man a house is to a woman. Differences can naturally arise as to whether to spend the money on a car or the house. These masculine/feminine differences are not sinful or carnal; they are naturally inherent in being a man or a woman. In other words, our own normalcy can threaten our happy marriages. We have found the enemy, and it is us!

Enough about dueling! We must be realistic about these negative forces but we do not have to be pessimistic or defeatists. There is another whole possibility—dueting. The reality is that we all have the potential to turn our marriages into harmonious duets! I know many couples across Ohio who make beautiful music together. The wives live in submission to their husbands; that is, they voluntarily follow his leadership and they graciously support his endeavors. The husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and as they love their own bodies.

Such couples have learned to complete one another rather than to compete with one another. They live out a beautiful sexual humility in which each admits his or her need for the other spouse. They are right with their Lord and with each other. They each “know their part” in the musical score and happily live it out.

Such a novel idea comes right out of Ephesians 5:18-33. Paul there teaches us that Holy Spirit-empowered persons discover a real harmony in their hearts psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs hum along in their inner being. Taking that to the next level, Paul goes on to teach that Holy Spirit-empowered partners discover a real harmony in their homes. When we are filled with the Spirit He fills our hearts and homes with harmony rather than cacophony.

As in any musical production, the key is the Conductor! All players must keep their eye on Him and move according to His direction. He establishes our part in the “score” and He sets the pace for the rhythm. Being filled with the Spirit implies being sensitive to His direction in our marriages. As we are in tune with Him, we find that are also in tune with each other. Our marriages sound more like a duet than a duel!



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## From Our Hearts To Yours



Dave and Pat Warren  
State Representative

**W**e are devoting this issue of the OIB to the topic of the Christian home. Our homes are super important to us and to the Lord. He cares how we treat each other in the home. What we are at home—we are! Of course, we *have family* and we *have family*. You know—our physical family, our church family, and our associational family. We have family and we are family at many levels to many different people.

In light of the importance of our homes, I am very glad to tell you that this year's GARBC National Conference is going to be a very family-friendly occasion. Its location at the French Lick Springs Resort, in French Lick, Indiana, makes it within striking distance for most of our Ohio families. It will be held Monday through Friday, June 25-29, 2001. Special programs are in place for all ages—infants, children, youth (including Talents for Christ and Students Alive!) and adults. The accommodations and the prices are also family friendly.

Once you arrive at the resort there will be little or no need to go elsewhere during the week, and even the parking is free! We also are planning to have our Ohio Pizza Party at Thursday's supper hour; this is our statewide family party. The conference itself will have an international flavor and will broaden your horizons as to what God is doing in this whole world. Our family just keeps getting bigger and bigger!

Talk it over as a family and give it a try. Meet us at the French Lick Resort in our neighboring state to the west. For registration information call 1-888-588-1600.

--Dave and Pat

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### Family Ties

**O**ver the years as a pastor, often on Sunday morning I would have a little section in the bulletin entitled, "From the Pastor's Heart to Your Heart." As we have traveled all over Ohio visiting our churches, our hearts have been moved, not by the buildings, though some of those are outstanding indeed, but by the wonderful individuals and families that make up these congregations. First, we have been deeply moved, not only by the commitment of pastors, but also of their wives and dedicated children. We often witness the children participating in music or other activities in the local church. We visit with pastors who share the joy of telling us about their children who are either in the ministry or studying for that purpose. We have also sensed the burdens some have as they endeavor to serve the Lord; sometimes with personal heartaches known only within the circle of their own family. We are deeply moved by the courage and commitment of the families ministering to families. It has been an outstanding honor and privilege to be in the homes of many families of congregations for both meals and lodging and be able to listen to their testimonies; all unique, different and very special. Our joy and crown reaches its highest level when they share with us their soul-winning experiences and we can sense the excitement they have as they seek to reach the lost for Jesus Christ. They indeed have a love marked by giving, not by getting.

Then they turn to the ministry of the church planting coordinator. They want to know how they can fit in, what they can do, where their prayers should be directed, and where their giving should someday be focused. Recently after an evening service, two families came forward and offered their personal gifts and talents for the church planting ministry. In another church, a husband

and wife came and said they were painters and were willing to go and knock on doors on sunny days and paint inside on the rainy days. After another service, a young lady came and said she is anxious to contribute to church planting in Ohio.

There is within all of this, not only a genuine desire to serve, but a hunger for fellowship, hunger for righteousness, and for a fellowship founded on righteousness. We must all keep in mind that the ultimate master we are serving is Christ. So we want to give of our very best and be held responsible for our labor.

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More and more each day,  
As I read your Holy Word  
And bow my head to pray.*

*Show me your presence,  
Help me to stand  
In awe of your mercy  
To unworthy man.*

*Give me just a glimpse  
Of heaven's perfect Lamb,  
The Lord God, Jehovah,  
The ever great I AM.*

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--Maria Stiger  
Fostoria Baptist Church

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## Honoring The Family



Each of these couples has been married over 50 years.

Recently First Baptist Church of Elyria hosted a "Family Heritage Day." During the morning service the congregation honored grandparents. Testimonies were given about grandparents who have had an impact on their families and photos of grandchildren were shown on the auditorium screen.

In the evening service couples married over 50 years were honored. Fifteen couples married over 50 years were in

attendance. As the couples came to the front of the auditorium, wedding pictures of each couple were shown to the congregation through a Powerpoint presentation. At the close of the evening service the church provided a special dessert reception for these couples. This day of honoring marriage and the home was a special day for the people of First Baptist.

Brad Quick is senior pastor at Elyria.

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## Miller Accepts Patmos Position



Edward Miller

The Camp Patmos Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Edward J. Miller has accepted the position of camp director at the Kelleys Island, Ohio, camp. Miller and his wife, Lynne, are alumna of

Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and members of Millersburg Baptist Church.

Formerly a loan officer and vice-president of the Commercial & Savings Bank of Millersburg, Ed has for some time sensed God's call on his life to work with youth. God has nudged him closer to this desire as he served in his local church as AWANA commander and youth leader for the past 16 years. "I have felt the Lord calling me into the area of full-time Christian ministry in

which I can use my abilities to work with kids, and my organizational skills as a leader in managing a Christian camp and staff. I want my abilities to be used to see many people come to trust the Lord as their Savior and grow in Him."

The Millers have four children, Matt (13), Nathan (11), Aaron (8) and Michaela (5).

Lynn Rogers, who has been linked with the camp for more than 45 years as a supportive pastor and trustee, is the current executive director. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the camp and will work closely with Miller through the summer. This fall Rogers will assume the role of director emeritus, continuing on as director of development on a part-time basis.



Lynn Rogers



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## As You Go...

(Submitted by a reader in West-central Ohio)

**W**e were involved in an auto accident which demolished our car. After settling with the insurance company we began the search for another automobile. Our auto mechanic promised to help us look.

One evening as our AWANA ministry was letting out the mechanic brought a car for us to consider. We agreed to buy the car, and a couple days later the owner came by with the paperwork. Instead of just handling the paperwork, we talked. We listened to her concerns dealing with her husband's heart attack just five weeks earlier. She was so receptive to our Spirit-led words of encouragement that we almost forgot to do the paperwork. Our new friend is now attending our church and has brought four family members with her! My wife said, "Maybe we should go out and wreck another car." I'm really not interested in that type of severe evangelism, but if it does happen...

**Always be ready to give an answer, as you go!**

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*Let us nudge each other to "Always Be Ready." Send your testimony of how God used you to witness to someone.*

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#### Upcoming Events for 2001

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| Apr. 27-28    | Servant Leadership Development Retreat, OARBC Youth |
| May 3-5       | SVR Men's Retreat, David Warren, speaker            |
| May 25-28     | Memorial Day Work Wknd.                             |
| June 17-23    | Servant Leadership Development Camp                 |
| June 18-23    | Edge Camp #1 Paul Mattisen, Speaker                 |
| June 25-30    | Camp Zing #1 Art Conra, speaker                     |
| July 2-7      | BLAST.com Brad Seltzer, speaker                     |
| July 9-14     | Edge Camp #2 Kurt Alber, speaker                    |
| July 16-21    | Camp Zing #2 Andy Manwiller, speaker                |
| July 23-28    | Edge Camp #3 Matt Otto, speaker                     |
| July 30-Aug 4 | Camp Zing #3 Larry Nocella, speaker                 |
| July 6-11     | Homebuilders Camp #1 Kevin Bogg, speaker            |
| July 13-18    | Homebuilders Camp #2 David Warren, speaker          |
| Sept 14-15    | SVR Men's Mentoring Retreat                         |
| Sept 21-22    | SVR/OARBC Ladies Retreat                            |
| Oct 12-13     | SVR Marriage Enrichment Retreat                     |
| Oct 9         | Sr. Citizens Day #1                                 |
| Oct 11        | Sr. Citizens Day #2                                 |
| Oct 16        | Sr. Citizens Day #3                                 |
| Dec 26-29     | Staff Reunion                                       |
| Dec 28-29     | Summer Camper Reunion                               |

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#### Development Update

The New Dining Hall/Chapel will allow us to accommodate 400 additional summer campers and expand our guest group potential. The project cost is estimated at \$1.3 million. With our fundraising efforts just beginning, we have raised \$85,000 in commitments and gifts. Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's timing and funding for this crucial growth project.

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**A**s the winter season comes to a close, we are making preparations for the new spring. Tulip sprouts are beginning to peak through and the sunshine lingers a little longer each day. "He has put a new song in my mouth - Praise to our God" (Psalm 40:3). Camp workers around the country are in eager anticipation of the summer. New ideas have been flowing all winter, and now is the time these ideas are coming to fruition.

One project at Scioto includes the completion of Phase I of our new high ropes tree course. The ropes course currently is comprised of six elements including Goliath's Ladder, the Scioto Shuffle and the Leap of Faith.

The new Challenge Tower at Scioto is also well underway. Team Nehemiah, a Cedarville University spring break team, will complete the construction of this 43 foot structure! The tower stands on a 60 foot hill overlooking the open fields and the Lost Park. It will be four sided, with each side offering different, separate elements. Some of these elements include a cargo net climb, a fidget ladder and a 40 foot free repel! You must see it to believe it!

The Lord continues to provide for Scioto Hills. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Ephesians 5:20). He answers prayer on a daily basis and blesses beyond measure. It's a humbling thought that He continues to use us in His service, but it makes us all the more thankful for the hope that we have in Him! As we serve Him please be in prayer as we recruit godly summer staff members and complete various summer projects while still ministering to spring guest groups and retreat campers.

We are looking forward to our upcoming spring retreats and would be honored for you to join us.

#### Upcoming Retreats include:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Men's Retreat #1     | April 27-28 |
| Men's Retreat #2     | May 4-5     |
| Senior Saints Spring | May 8-10    |

If you would like to be added to our mailing list or our email mailing list, please contact the camp at 740-778-3279 or email [lcook@sciotohills.com](mailto:lcook@sciotohills.com).



# Ohio Women

## Dear Ladies of OWMU

**R**ecently I once again read the seventh chapter of Numbers. I read each and every word in all 89 verses. I did not "cheat." I read every hard-to-pronounce name and every repeated list.

When I was done, I knew that when the tabernacle was completed, on twelve consecutive days a leader from each tribe of Israel brought the very same gifts and offerings for the dedication of the altar. Each brought one silver dish that weighed 130 shekels, a silver bowl that weighed 70 shekels, both filled with fine flour mixed with oil for a burnt grain offering; one gold pan that weighed 10 shekels, filled with incense; one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering; one male goat, for a sin offering; two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old, for a peace offering.

In heaven, if I bump into Nahshon, Nethanel, Eliab, Elizur, Shelumiel, Eliasaph, Elishama, Gamaliel, Abidan, Ahiezer, Pagiel or Ahira, I'll be able to say honestly, "I read about you and your offering." I'll also be able to ask them how to pronounce their names, and how they made sure their silver dish weighed 130 shekels!!

Why do you think God had Numbers 7 written this way? Why didn't He condense it by listing the gifts and offerings only once? The chapter could contain only 34 verses. I believe the almost monotonous repetition shows the value God placed on each gift and offering. The size of the tribe did not matter. The Lord was pleased with the gift. Perhaps that was what He told

Moses when He met with him in verse 89.

As I read that chapter, I thought of our Ohio Women's Missionary Union. We come together from all over Ohio. We represent individual churches, some large, some small. We bring the gifts and offerings of our time, talents, and monies. We don't bring the same amounts as those in Numbers 7 did, nor do we meet twelve consecutive days (wouldn't that be fun?) but the Lord values each individual gift and notes each one. Then, in our "tent of meeting," He speaks to our hearts. When we leave and go our separate ways He continues to use our gifts and our lives to bring honor and glory to His Name.

If you've met with us, you've experienced the truth and blessing of what I've shared. If you haven't, you can in Marysville on April 17. I'd love to have every church in our OARBC represented. Will you help make that and our project goal a reality? I'm praying you will.

Now take time to read Numbers 7!

In His Love,  
Sue Miller

P.S.  
Esther Entner, Susan Johnson, Sue Miller and Sallie McElwain will be "up front" during the day but it will be YOUR meeting. YOUR attendance, therefore, is not only desired, it's vital! Remember to bring your many, many, FILLED Quarter Savers for our camps.

### OWMU Spring Meeting

April 17

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Marysville

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Speaker: Esther Entner

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### Spring Rally

#### Canton Area WMF

Millersburg Baptist Church  
April 24, 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Speakers: Mark & Debbie Seymour,  
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# Across the State



## South Bethel

◆ **The Norwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati** welcomed its new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Mike Wright.

◆ South Bethel pastors gathered at the **Calvary Baptist Church of Xenia** in mid-February. Their guest was Jim Cato from Cedarville University, discussing with them the role of music in worship. Pastor Wayne and Donna Hart lead the work at Calvary.

◆ **Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville** recently called Rev. Jon Young to join its staff serving in the area of Student ministries and financial management. Jon has been serving as senior pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Dublin, Ohio.



## Northeast

◆ **The South Madison Bible Baptist Church of Madison** welcomed its new pastor and wife, Rev. Eddie and Judy Harris.

◆ On February 20 pastors and wives gathered at the **First Baptist Church of Willowick** for a seminar featuring various ministry topics. Rob Mieden, assistant to Pastor Don Leitch, organized the event.



## North Bethel

◆ **The First Baptist Church of Stryker** voted to sell their parsonage to their pastor and wife, Dan and Sharon Douglass.

◆ **The North Bethel pastors and wives** gathered on February 15 to enjoy a "We're going on a date" night with Dave and Pat Warren. Twenty-two folk gathered at The Barn Restaurant in Archbold, Ohio, and enjoyed music and devotions given by Rev. Jerry and Nancy Davis, pastor and wife from Faith Baptist Church in Defiance.

◆ **The North Bethel Women's Missionary Union** held its Spring Rally on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at First Baptist Church of Findlay. Marilyn Shaffer was the speaker. A baked potato and salad bar lunch was provided for the women attending.



## Mid Bethel

◆ Rev. Jesse Howell has announced his retirement from the pastorate of the **First Baptist Church in Bellefontaine**.

Jesse and his wife, Margaret, have served the Lord faithfully at First Baptist for over 25 years.

◆ Several members from the **Fostoria Baptist Church in Fostoria** traveled recently to Israel under the leadership of their pastor and his wife, Dave and Linda Chapman.

◆ **Faith Baptist at Kenton** gathered the church and guests for a dinner on February 3. Following the meal, the Abundant Life Singers from Cedarville University presented a concert. Along with their singing, the group encouraged participation from the audience.

The church celebrated its 30th anniversary on February 18, with four charter members in attendance. Faith Baptist began as a Bible study in the home of Calvin and Kathleen Bushong in June of 1970.

Dennis Burns is pastor at Faith Baptist.



## Akron

◆ Dave and Pat Warren ministered the Word at **Highview Avenue Baptist Church in Akron**. The church is currently searching for its next pastor.

◆ "The Left Hand Meets the Right Hand" was the theme for a half-day workshop for church workers and leaders of **Grace Baptist Church of Kent** on January 27th. Following breakfast, Pastor Bruce Chouinard shared his vision for the church, which was followed by a brief presentation by the Long Range Planning Committee. Concurrent sessions were held in which various leaders and committee members described their responsibilities, plans, and prayer requests. Over twenty areas of ministry were reviewed. Groups also shared ways they contribute to each other's ministry and closed each session praying for one another. The morning concluded with some summarizing thoughts from participants and church leaders. It proved to be an enlightening day for everyone, with a greater sense of appreciation for how the Lord is working through the body and its various parts.



## West Moriah

◆ Pastor Merlyn Jones of **Faith Baptist, Mount Vernon**, writes, "Our Church Planting Coordinator, Max Tucker, ministered in our church on February 11th in both the morning and evening services. There were several dedication decisions in the morning service and an opportunity to follow up with a lady who is searching and needs salvation. We praise God for Max's ministry among us."

◆ **The Berean Baptist Church of Pickerington** held its Valentine Banquet on February 15 at the Barn Restaurant in Pataskala. Eric and Paula Cuenin lead the work at Pickerington.



## Hebron

◆ **The Camden Baptist Church of Wellington** welcomed its new senior pastor and his wife, Larry and Lori Nocella. Larry had served the church as Assistant to Cal Searles until Cal was led to take the pastorate of the Cedar Hill Baptist Church in Cleveland.

Max and Phyllis Tucker ministered at First Baptist on Sunday, February 4. Rev. Tucker presented an inspiring challenge concerning Ohio's church planting initiative. His personal stories of how God has worked in previous churches, and his vision for new churches in needy areas of Ohio, were a blessing to the church family.



## East Moriah

◆ **Calvary Baptist of Byesville** sponsored a bowling outreach event in February. Styled after the golf scramble concept, couples from the church were invited to sign up as participants, and in so doing they committed to recruit another couple who is unchurched or relatively unknown. The foursomes then competed with one another for best combined score. The goal was fun and fellowship for the regulars, but also establishing and strengthening relationships with those whose church involvement is only slight. Forty bowlers participated and the church made many valuable contacts.

Dennis Rost is senior pastor at Calvary Baptist.





◆ **The Evansville Baptist Church of Niles** is mourning the loss of its former pastor Rev. Don Loomis. Pastor Loomis served the Evansville church for many years as a faithful and caring pastor. He had suffered for many years from Huntington's disease. The Evansville Baptist Church is now led by Rev. Richard Mospens and his wife, Joyce.

◆ **The Bailey Road Baptist Church of North Jackson** welcomed its new senior pastor and his wife, Gary and Heidi Marburger. Gary had served for several years as assistant to Les Webster, who recently retired.

◆ **Vienna Baptist Church** announces the appointment of Daniel E. McCarthy as associate pastor. Dan just recently retired from church planting with Baptist Church Planters and is the congregation's missionary supported associate pastor. He will be assuming the duties of outreach & discipleship. Arch McCune is senior pastor at Vienna Baptist.

◆ **The Struthers Baptist Tabernacle** hosted a missionary conference March 23-25. The Saturday service featured a Passover film with Bill McVey of Jewish Awareness Ministries. Ken Baker of Baptist Church Planters spoke on Sunday.



**The Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship** will meet on Tuesday, April 24, at Millersburg Baptist Church, in the heart of Ohio's Amish country.

Their sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2:15 p.m. with lunch being served at the church. Mark and Debbie Seymour, missionaries serving with Baptist Mid-Missions in Chad, Africa, will present their ministry in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

## "Elevating" Their Love



Pastor Bill Abernathy & Ross Bradley officially open Immanuel's elevator

**I**mmanuel Baptist Church of Columbus' "Elevating Our Love" fundraising drive culminated on Sunday, January 28, with the grand opening and dedication of a small elevator designed to give handicapped individuals access to all three floors of the church's facility.

"For a number of years the people of Immanuel have been concerned that those in wheelchairs or who otherwise have difficulty with steps were limited in the activities and ministries in which they could participate," commented Bill Abernathy, Immanuel's senior pastor. Immanuel had been saving for the elevator for several years. But in January of 2000 the church board challenged the congregation to give above their usual offerings toward the final \$12,000 needed for the project. The needed gifts and pledges came in quickly.

Pastor Abernathy expects the need for the elevator to grow as the church positions itself to reach out to those who will live in a senior housing project being built near the church.

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# Cedarville University



Jenny Elliot, a member of the Cedarville University Society of Women Engineers (SWE), surveyed the results of a recent SWE canned food drive. SWE was just one of the University's student organizations which found generous ways to observe Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week February 4-10. Photo credit: D. McCoy

Cedarville University's engineering honor society was installed as the Ohio Nu chapter of Tau Beta Pi on March 3. To have a chapter installed with Tau Beta Pi, an institution must have all of its engineering degrees accredited and must graduate at least 40 engineers per year. Cedarville currently offers ABET-accredited bachelor of science degrees in both mechanical and electrical engineering, and the University awarded 58 engineering degrees in 2000.

On February 27, women's ministry students and community guests learned about women's ministry from guest speaker Lynn Reece, women's ministry director for Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Reece addressed three topics: how to develop a successful women's ministry, the three essential phases of ministry, and how the church can identify and meet women's needs.

During Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Feb. 4-10), numerous Cedarville student organizations put their compassion into action. The Society of Women Engineers held a canned food

drive for the Salvation Army of Springfield, Ohio. Mu Kappa, an organization for international students and children of missionaries, urged the University family to spend a designated day fasting and praying, and gave out prayer booklets so that participants could intercede intelligently for groups like street children in Brazil and earthquake victims in India. Epsilon Alpha Pi (Social Work Club) collected \$100 in coins for Good Works, Inc., a Christian-run homeless shelter in Athens, Ohio.

Alpha Delta Omega and Delta Omega Epsilon, social service organizations, canvassed the residence halls and came out with more than 30 bags of clothing for Dayton area needy. Alpha Chi, a men's service organization, spent a day working at the Dayton Gospel Mission. The campus organization for Christian health professionals, Chi Theta Pi, sponsored the American Red Cross in Xenia by collecting toiletries like soap and toothpaste. The week was filled with efforts of mercy, and students indicated that they hope to maintain service to the needy all year long.

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